

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

The Assistant Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Subject to approval by the Examiner, Applicants propose to amend the drawings as indicated in red in the copies of the drawings attached hereto.

Specifically, Applicant's have amended FIG. 2 as follows: (1) to redraw the windshield so that it does not interfere with the movement of the handlebars; (2) to insert an indication of the location of the engine; (3) to renumber the drive track from "144" to --120--; (4) to illustrate and label toeholds 145; and (5) to redraw the distance, *b*, between the steering position and the seat position (as defined in FIG. 11). Further, Applicants have amended FIG. 3: (1) to redraw the windshield so that it does not interfere with the movement of the handlebars; and (2) to illustrate and label the location of toeholds 145. Also, Applicants have amended FIG. 14 to indicate that angle ϵ is measured from the vertical and not the horizontal, as shown. Applicants believe that these changes address each of the comments and objections set forth in paragraphs 1-2 of the Office Action dated march 22, 2000.

Finally, Applicants have amended FIG. 1 to add the label "PRIOR ART."
Applicants believe that the addition of this label to FIG. 1 addresses the Examiner's objection as set forth in paragraph #3 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the submission of formal drawings await issue of the Notice of Allowance for this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response that are not otherwise accounted for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 09919/0265136.

Respectfully submitted,

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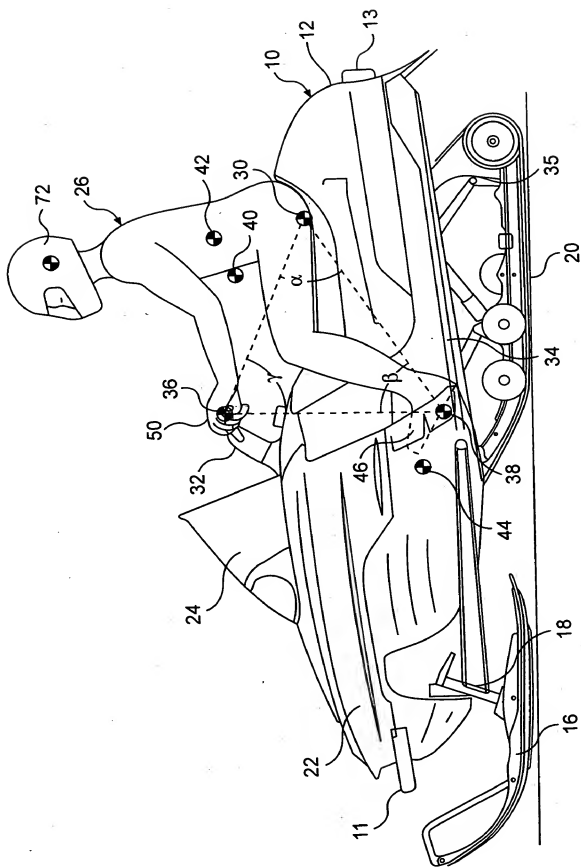
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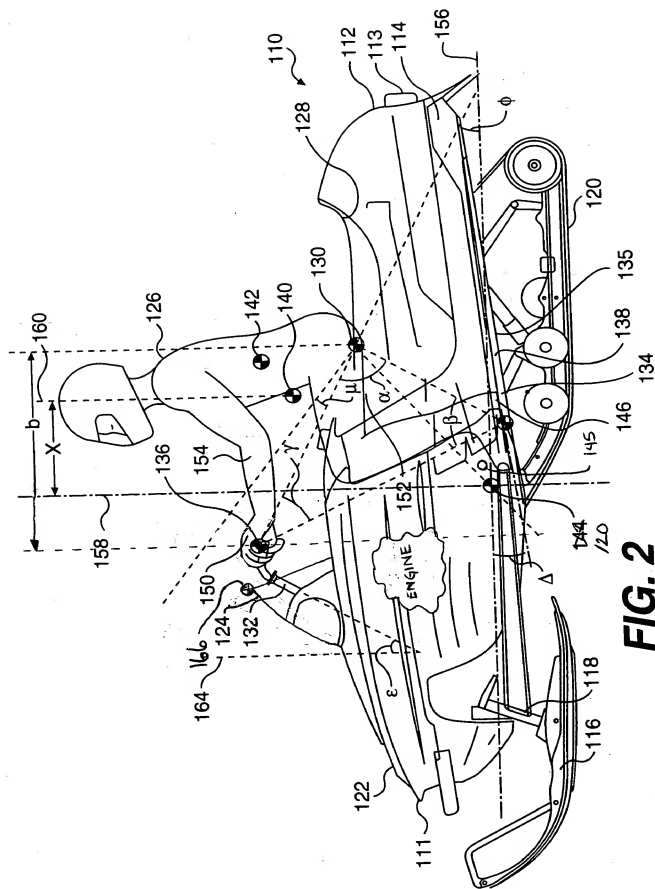
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PRIOR ART

FIG. 1



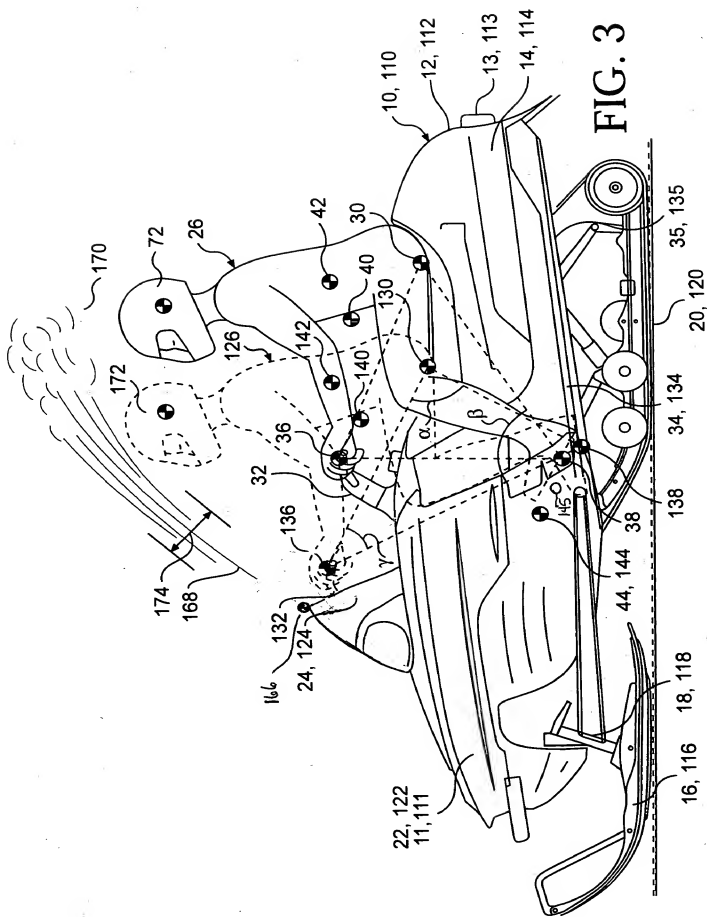


FIG. 3

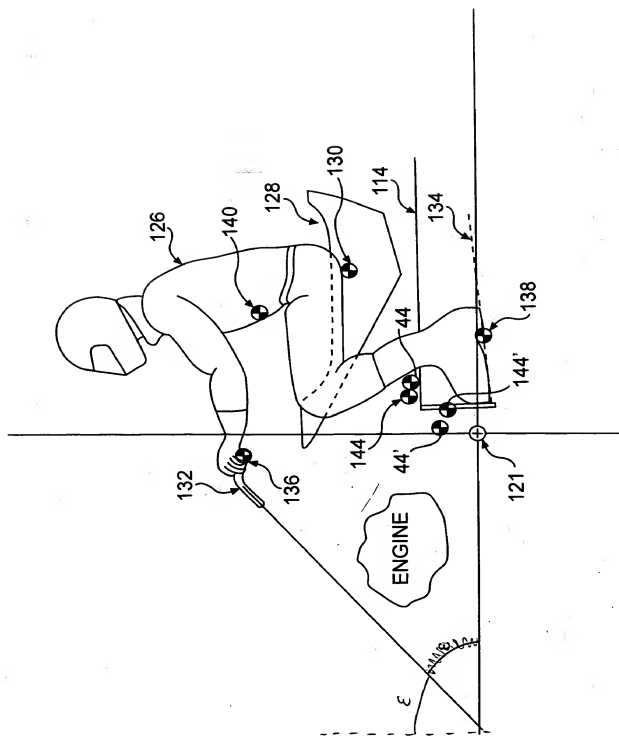


FIG. 14